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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: IMPRISONED MERCENARIES IN ANGOLA

REFS: A) ROME 2517; B) LAGOS 1955

1. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED FAMILIES OF ACKER AND GRILLO OF CORRECT ADDRESS, AS GIVEN REF A, FOR MAIL GOING TO PRISONERS. MAIL FROM PRISONERS TO FAMILIES SHOULD BE SENT TO AF/C, ATTN: ANGOLA DESK OFFICER.

2. DEPT ALSO CONCURS WITH VECCHI'S VIEW, EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR EASUM (SECTION 5 REF B), THAT DESPITE ARRIVAL IN LUANDA OF UK CHARGE WHO WILL BE VISITING BRITISH MERCENARIES, IT IS PREFERABLE THAT VECCHI CONTINUE HIS CONTACTS
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WITH THE AMERICANS, THEREBY DOUBLING WESTERN DIPLOMATIC ACCESS. REQUEST EMBASSY ASK MFA TO INFORM VECCHI ACCORDINGLY.

3. CONGRESSMAN DORNAN HAS DEVELOPED STRONG INTEREST IN ACKER CASE AND IS KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT ON ALL DEVELOPMENTS. HIS OFFICE HAS ASKED DEPT TO SEEK CONFIRMA-

TION, IF POSSIBLE, THAT LETTERS FROM ACKER'S FAMILY HAVE
REACHED HIM, OR HAVE AT LEAST REACHED VECCHI. THEREFORE,
WHEN OPPORTUNITY ARISES, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK SUCH CONFIRMA-

TION FROM RACHELE. VANCE

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